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AFFAIRS OF ST. LUCIE.

St. Lucie county is nearly one year

old, and in that short space of time

much has been accomplished for the

county, and that without putting the

county in debt for a cent.

When the county was formed we re-

ceived from Broward county about

\$100,000 as our portion of the funds

of the county. This amount was distrib-

uted among the various funds, over

\$100,000 of the amount being in the

and the other funds, which could not

be used for any other purpose.

The county commissioners at their

first meeting assessed against the prop-

erty of the county exactly the same

as was assessed in Broward county—14 mills—and the

amount that has been made is greatly

in excess of the amount of the county

commissary note.

It has become the common opinion

that since the county was divided we

are paying a higher millage than

any other county, but such is not the fact, as

the millage is exactly the same.

The increase in the amount of

taxes is due to the increase of the

State assessment, which is double that

of last year, while some property in

the county has been assessed at a

higher valuation.

During this first year the county has

been a clerk's office at a cost of \$800

for the purchase of books for the clerk's

office, the amount of \$1,200 for the

purchase of land, \$100 for the

purchase of other expenses necessary in

setting up housekeeping, which does not

include the purchase of land. These ex-

penses make a total of about \$2,000.

According to the treasurer's state-

ment presented at the last meeting of

the board of county commissioners,

there was a cash balance in his hands

of \$10,000, the first of the

month the treasurer has a deficit of

\$10,000, the amount being railroad taxes

owed by the State. This makes

the deficit of \$10,000 in his hands as

balance due. Against this sum is

a deficit of \$10,000 in unpaid warrants,

the balance of which was brought from

Broward county. This leaves a cash

balance in the treasury of about \$10,

which is an excellent showing for

a county of one year old.

At the last meeting of the county

commissioners a contract was let for

the construction of a modern jail to cost

\$100,000. The jail is to be paid for in

three years, \$10,000 on completion of

the first year, \$10,000 in twelve months,

and \$10,000 in twenty-four months. It

will be a hardship on the people of

the county to pay for this jail. The

first payment is in hand, and while the

commissioners do not intend to increase

the tax millage, they will be rearrange

the amounts for each purpose as to

an assessment of two mills for

the jail purposes, which amount would

be \$10,000 each year.

Yes, St. Lucie county is getting along

very well, and if our affairs continue to

be as well taken care of in the future as

in the past, we will be ready to build a

court house by the time our jail is paid

for, and at the same easy terms.

This month judicial circuit seems to

be having a run of hard luck. First

comes the announcement that the pri-

mary returns from Baker county were

not legal and all three candidates for

State's attorney will have to go into a

second primary. Next, Judge Willis has

called a special term of circuit court in

Alachua county and has a second grand

jury to look into the actions of the last

grand jury and ascertain if an attempt

was made to bribe certain members of

that body.

The Gainesville Sun wants the pri-

mary law changed so that a plurality

will nominate, and thus eliminate the

second primary.

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